



West Fertilizer Plant Explosion

Regional Update

April 21, 2013

- 24-hour operations included mobile air monitoring for volatile organic compounds, ammonia, carbon monoxide, and lower explosive limit of methane gas. No air monitoring readings above background were detected.
- Union Pacific working with ATF to transfer Anhydrous Ammonia product from tank.
- TCEQ completed demobilization of the 6th CST on April 20, 2013
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- EPA OSCS attended site briefings and law enforcement/operational briefings, conducted a meeting with CSB, TCEQ, and OSHA, and coordinated with ATF, CSB, TCEQ, OSHA,, and EPA CID on current and future site operations.
- EPA OSCs, Region 6 Risk Assessors, and START are finalizing QASP for assessment of the areas potentially affected by pesticides involved in the West Fertilizer, Inc. explosion. Planning to obtain and ship samples to be analyzed on the morning of April 21, 2013
- 4-EPA OSCs, 1 EPA PIO, and 8 START contractors conducted 24-hour site operations, spaced over two shifts. The Regional MCP is on-site. Planning to relocate MCP and personnel to West High School on April 21, 2013
- At the 0800 ATF law enforcement briefing, ATF indicated that the County planned to begin resident re-entry activities for residents located in the secondary exclusion zone approximately outside the ½ mile radius of the facility.
- EPA personnel reconnoitered potential soil sampling locations near the facility locations. City of West and McClennan County officials provided verbal access to the EPA OSCs to conduct soil sampling within the City and County right-of-ways and West Independent School District property. EPA will document verbal agreement via email and will follow up with signed access agreements.